THE HOUSE OF REFUGE

Inquiring Into the Charges of Mismanagement Against Its Officers.

COLONEL CLAY'S STATEMENTS FLATLY LENIED

The Examination Conducted in Secret and Counsel Excluded."

Colonel Clay, formerly Assistant Superintendent of the House of Refuge op Randall's Island, some harges against the management of At the very outset, impediments as was claimed, thrown in the ray of the complainant, by some of the House of Refuge managers, but, finally, the Herald gave publicity to the charges which the Colonel made, under oath, of outrages which he said he knew to have been committed in the institution, and a which the charges had been presented, are now in this city prepared to go on with an investigation. The committee, through their secre-tary, notified Colonel Clay late on Wednesday evening that on yesterday morning they would be in session at No. 67 Madison avenue. From another source it was also ascertained that the investigation would be conducted closed doors and that counsel would not be permitted to take part in the proceed ttee, which consists of William P. Letchworth, of Buffalo, president; J. H. Van Antwerp, of Ibany: Edward C. Donnelly, of New York, and Dr. harles S. Hoyt, of Albany, secretary, met at No. 67 on avenue yesterday morning in accordance with this determination, and will continue to meet from day to day until the matter is disposed of. On rom day to day until the matter is disposed of. On behalf of the managers of the House of Befuge a printed answer to Colonel Clay's harges was submitted. This answer, alhough very long, was only a general denial of the allegations. It is sworn to by Edgar Ketcham, President of the Society for the Reformation of Jurenile Delinquents, under whose direction the fouse of Refuge is conducted, and is signed besides y William M. Prichard, E. Randolph Robinson and tenjamin D. Silliman. It concludes as follows:— Finally, the managers respectfully submit that it is un-sual for general charges to be presented to a legal tri

which, under the circumstances, Colonel Clay now intended to assume.

"Is Colonel Clay prepared to go on under so sudden a notice?" inquired the reporter.

"Undoubtedly, ordinary courtesy might have prompted the State Board of Charities to give Colonel Clay sufficient time to prepare fully to appear before them to give testimony. The testimony he isto give has been collected and collated during many months, and in fair play he might have had a few days notice as to the day of examination. But, as his counsel, I do not care so much for that as I do for the spirit on the part of the committee which precludes counsel from the investigation. Now, you must remember that the managers of the House of Refuge are the accused; they are charged with gross mismanagement of the institution. Several of these gentlemen are Isawers for instance, Mr. Ketchum himself, who has been a lawyer all his life."

"Do you apprehend that those managers of the House who are lawyers will avail themselves of their precessional skill in conducting their own defence?"

to that I am unable to say anything just now. But I remember that they are the accused and they have the right to confront their accuser, if they should choose to do so. Then I say that Colonel Clay has a perfect right to be assisted by his counsel throughout the investigation."

these legal gentlemen, unless he has his counsel present to protect him. In fact, the whole thing from the very beginning looks like star chamber work. This is a matter of the greatest importance to all well minded citizens. Serious complaints are made against a public charitable institution, which of all institutions should be conducted with wisdom. With the greatest difficulty the accusations are received. Either they are true or false. If true, why not expose them fully and completely and let the proper remedy be applied? If false, why not expose the falsehood and satisfy the public mind that the institution is wisely managed and that there is no cause for complaint? Yet I find that the press is to be excluded. Why should the press be excluded if the investigation is to be a thorough and a fair one? I trust the committee will see the wisdom of changing the plan they seem to have adopted in this case. At all events, if they permit the accused managers, who are lawyers, or any one of them, to appear and conduct their own detence, and refuse Colonel Clay the assistance of counsel. I shail advise him to refuse appearing before the committee, because obviously he is entirely incapable of conducting his side of the investigation, opposed by a lawyer, whether acting as attorney for the accused or detending himself. I sincerely trust Colonel Clay will not be forced into this unpleasant position, out if he is the responsibility will be with the committee, and in that case Colonel Clay shall present his charges to the bar of public opinion."

THE COMMITTEE NOT A COURT.

In the evening a reporter visited Mr. Edward C. Donnelly at his residence at Manhattanville to ascertain his views in regard to the exclusion of counselfrom the investigation. Mr. Donnelly said that neither the State Board of Charities nor the committee is a court, and under the circumstances they thought it best to find the truth in this matter without he in the subject of the House of Refuge to the management of the House of Refuge to the management

ST. MARY'S LODGING HOUSE.

An appeal is made on behalf of St. Mary's Lodginstitution where homeless and friendless young girls may obtain shelter while seeking employment. The accommodations of the house are insufficient, and pecuniary aid is needed to increase them. Cardinal McCloskey has given his sanction to the work, which has also the approval and support of a great number of the Catholic clergy.

NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB.

There were a number of spirited club games yesterday afternoon at the grounds of the New York Athletic Club, Mott Haven. The winners were as Athletic Club, Mott Haven. The winners were as follows:—One hundred yard run, Edward Merritt; time, 10½ seconds. Bunning broad jump, F. J. Kilpatrick, 19 tt. 6 in. Bicycle race, between William T. Lawson, Clark O. Eldridge and William R. Stuart; Lawson fouled Eldridge, who fell and injured himself somewhat; he afterward went over the course and claimed the race; Stuart also fell. A ting of war came next, in three heats, and was won by James Waldon.

MR. REDPATH STILL MISSING.

A statement appeared in an evening paper yester day to the effect that a reporter of the paper had conversed with a gentleman (whose name was not given), who had he ard from some one (whose name was not mentioned), that Mr. Charles a Newton, Mr. James Redpath's agent, had obtained information of the latter's whereabouts (which were not mentioned). He had heard further that Mr. Redpath had taken passage from this city in "a steamer" (the name of which was not mentioned). The mysterious gentleman also said that a friend of Mr. Redpath (whose name was not mentioned), had received a letter from him. Inquiry at Mr. Redpath's residence last night developed the fact that the stories were without foundation and that his fate is still a mystery.

POLITICAL.

THE RESULT IN OHIO. SEVEN MAJORITY IN THE SENATE AND THIRTY-FIVE ON JOINT BALLOT FOR THE REPUBLI-

Fow additional figures have been received here to-day by either of the committees, but the Republi-can Committee, after gathering returns from various sources, report to-night that ac-cording to their figures Foster's majority will be somewhere near 17,000. It will take full official figures, which cannot be obtained for some days, to decide definitely what the exact majority will be. It was reported this morning that Butier-Warren district, had been defeated by one vote; but this afternoon the republican committee were notified that he had been elected by twelve majority. This gives the republicans twenty two Senators and the democrats fifteen. According to the best figures obtainable the republicans have elected seventy members of the lower house. The Republican Committee concede the defeat of Walbridge, the republican candidate for Senator in the Toledo district. The list of Senators sent yesterday is good up to this hour, except that instead of Walbridge (rep.), Wilkins (dom.) is elected. The republicans have seven majority in the Senate and certainly thirty-five majority on joint ballot.

THE OFFICIAL COUNT IN CUYAROGA COUNTY. Corrected returns from Cuyahoga county give Foster (rep.) 5,558 over Ewing (dem). Turney (rep.), for State Treasurer, has 6,424 majority.

THE IOWA ELECTION.

Burlington, Iowa, Oct. 16, 1879. Complete returns of Des Moines county give Governor Gear (rep.) a plurality of 747 over Trimble (dem.) The entire republican county ticket is elected. Complete returns from Henry county, except one township, which is estimated, give Gear 2,015, Trimble 333 and Campbell (greenback) 563. Gear's plurality is 1,082. The entire republican county ticket is elected by majorities over all opponents of 550 to 600.

KELLY ON THE HUSTINGS.

HETEROGENEOUS GATHERING AT ROCHESTER ANTI-TILDEN MEN AND THE CANAL RING-REPETITION OF THE OLD SPEECHES-INQUI-SITIVE MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SUP-PRESSED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HEBALD.]

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Oct. 16, 1879. On leaving Oswego, at noon to-day for, thi place Mr. Kelly and staff were escorteed by a crowd of over two hundred from the hotel to evening previous was renewed and set blazing in the broad daylight. The departure of cheers. On the journey here admirers of the Tammany Chief came aboard at different stations and extended their greetings. On the arrival in this city a delegation of twenty-four members of the Kelly Campaign Club met the party and showed them to two elegant barouches, one of which was drawn by four horses, two grays and two bays. In this Mr. kelly sat, accompanied by Orlando B. Potter, John B. Haskin and Maurice F. Holahan. On leaving the depot a salute of twentyone guns was fired, and the good people of Rochester were made aware that the "big Injun" of the Tammany wigwam was in their midst. On reaching the Osborn House. Mr. Kelly was surrounded by quite a number of democratic citizens, whose appearance indicated that they belonged to the solid Muldoon

class.

Your correspondent talked promiseuously with them, and learned that the leading motive for their support of the Kelly boom was hatred of Samuel J. Tilden. "We were promised Church for Governor over a year ago," said one, "and we o'n't get him because he didn't suit Tilden, and how we don't want his man, Robinson."

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"There were only a few Kelly men here a few weeks ago," said another, "but now half the demorate of the city are for Kelly and it looks as if he would soon have the whole of them."

The Robinson people had a meeting last evening at which the papers estimate there were about three hunered persons present. The meeting for Kelly this evening was fully three thousand strong. Of course, many of these attended out of mere curiosity to see a man about whom the papers have said so much but a large proportion were animated by a different spirif, as evinced in the warmth of their demonstrations on the mention of Kelly's name.

THE OLD CANAL ELEMENT.

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SECRECY CONDEMNED.

Suppose that the committee would exclude the sence of managers and all others except the witness and examination, would you be willing to go.

Certainly I would. But I will not consent to w Colonel Clay to appear in the hands of legal gentlemen, unless he has his less legal gentlemen, unless he has his has been alleged by the Robinson people that the Kelly meetings are filled with republicans who go there for the purpose of encouraging the democrats to rally for Kelly, but this is exaggerated. Some republicans have no doubt been at all the meetings,

there for the purpose of encouraging the democrats to rally for Kelly, but this is exaggerated. Some republicans have no doubt been at all the meetings, but the attendance, as anybody could see, was overwhelmingly democratic.

THE KELLY MEETING.

After supper a committee called at the hotel and escorted Mr. Kelly in carriages to the new City Hall, a fine and spacious building, with an assembly room on the upper story capable of accommodating 3,000 people. This was filled to its utmost capacity and several hundreds who were unable to get in gathered on the street in front of the steps of the City Hall and were addressed by several speakers. A band of music and a gang of torch bearers awaited the arrival of Mr. Kelly at the hall, and the air was filled with hissing and exploding rockets, that attracted the notice of half the city. In the hall where the meeting took place there are no galleries and no pillars, but a vast expanse of level floor, and when the crowd was packed in from side to side and end to end of this unbroken space it made an impressive appearance. It was the largest meeting of the canvass, though not so enthusiastic as those at Oswego and Albany. It was composed of more heterogeneous elementa—Robinson men, republicans, Kelly men and others. It was also disposed to be somewhat captious and critical.

Mr. Potter as the first speaker. He said the magnificent gathering before him was enough to show that the democracy of the City. Governor Robinson, he held, had done his best within the past three years to break down the democratic party, and then the speaker proceeded to enumerate the various acts of the Governor calculated to achieve that end. He next passed to a narration of the early career and struggles of John Kelly and eulogized his manifiness and honesty, and, said he, "By electing him next November you will honor yourselves."

This provoked laughter and confusion, though it was obvious the speaker meant the very roverse of what he said.

what he said.

As usual there was an impatience to hear Kelly, and Potter had to shorten his remarks. The Tammany chief was in his customary caim and collected mood, but his voice was not as good as usual. He went over the career of Tilden and Robinson, and held them up as unworthy examples in political life. In the course of his remarks Mr. Kelly said:—

"There may be some here who have come out of curiosity," and a voice came naturally from the back of the hall, "That's so," which created much merriment.

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Popular Expressions.

When Mr. Kelly finished, a man in the audience, named Christopher G. Gavin, stood up and asked to put a question, but the chairman ruled him out of order and then he turned to leave, exclaiming—

"That's just like Tammany Hall; no freedom for any one." And as he left another man joined him, erring out—

"Two dead cocks in the pit, and one of them is

"Two dead cocks in the pit, and one of them is John Kelly."
The two men were, of course, vigorously hissed, and order was soon restored.
Mr. John H. Strahan followed in a speech of half an hour, and Mr. John B. Haskin brought the proceedings to a close with one of his customary vigorous addresses, abounding in wit and logic.
Mr. Kelly, after the meeting was over, received a serenade at the hall, to which he appropriately responded. To-morrow the party proceeds to Lockport, where a meeting will be held in the evening.
Clarkson N. Potter will speak for Robinson Monday evening at Syracuse, and Wednesday evening Mr. J. B. Haskin intends to answer him at Tammany Hall, Fordham, and, as he says, expects to use him up completely.

WASHINGTON MARKET FOR KELLY. The Washington and West Washington Market
John Kelly Campaign Club raised a banner for the
Tammany Hall candidate for Governor, in Vesey
street, between Greenwich and Washington streets,
yesterday noon. There was a platform erected on the south side of the street and thirteen musicians discoursed sweet music therefrom for a haif an hour or more before the meeting was called to order by John L. Whilton, president of the club. At that time there was a crowd of at least fifteen hundred people around the stand, mostly persons connected with the market, and when the first speaker, Mr. Jerome Buck, was introduced he was received with as hearty a cheer as it was possible for the marketmen to give. He said that he had in his time addressed many gatherings of the people, but never such a peculiar one as that before him. The outpouring of butchers.

TAMMANY TO "RECEIVE" MR. KELLY. A largely attended meeting of the Committee on ng, at which a general talk was had as to the "situation" in this city. All the district leaders reported that everything was in the most perfect condition within their several precincts. Then a discussion

GOVERNOR ROBINSON.

WHAT THE DEMOCRATIC RULER HAS TO SAY OF THE STATE CAMPAIGN-PLEASED WITH HIS RECEPTION IN THIS CITY AND CONFIDENT OF RE-ELECTION.

Nearly two thousand persons have called on Governor Robinson, at the Brunswick Hotel, since he has been in town. Many were necessarily denied, as the Governor has had an unexpected amount of business pressed upon him for attention during the two days he has been here. He rose at about nine respondence went out and paid some visits in Fifth avenue. He called at the headquarters on Broadway, opposite Delmonico's, but remained only a few mo-ments. On returning to the Brunswick, a reporter of the Hebald met him and asked his opinion of the

"It will be a very warm contest," he said, as far as I am informed, all parties are doing what

vass?"
"No, sir; none whatever. My duties as Governor

call for all my time, and even if I had the leisure am wanting in the disposition for such labor." "Some dissatisfaction was felt at your not making

speech last night."
"Indeed?" "Yes, the people expected to hear something from

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"Why, I only came down here on a matter of duty at the invitation of the First division of the National Guard—and I am sorry to say it is a duty I am too seldom able to perform."

"On what do you rely for re-election?"

"The people."

"Or course, but there are issues before them that demand consideration."

"The only issue on which I stand is that of good and careful government. The history of the past three years must speak for itself. The records contained in that story will, I think, be sufficient for the people as far as I am concerned. I have endeavored to economize the outlay of money and to put a stop to expenditure for private benefit to the loss of the State. The facts in all this are well known, and I think we can safely rely on the result. We have probably offended some people by frustrating their designs upon the treasury, but I think we have gained as many friends as we have made opponents."

THAT SIXTENN MILLION DOLLAIS.

Colonel David C. Robinson, the Governor's son and secretary, here remarked:—"That saying of \$16,000,000 you will find an important factor in this canvass. Through the State the voters estimate the value of this sort of government and our gain from the republican vote will be much larger than is at present anticipated."

"That crasing line of the Governor's pen has made some enemies, he thinks?"

"Undoubtedly. But it has also raised up hordes of friends."

"Mr. Kelly's movements, you think, are not doing you any harm?"

"According to the published accounts of them

you any harm?"
"According to the published accounts of them they are doing us good."
"Will the elections in the West in any way affect

"We think not. They were purely local struggles.
Ours will be of the same nature when it comes on.
You see we are already before the community.
People know what shall be our policy in power and
the line of practice that will be pursued, consequently we are confident of success."

"The Canal Ring and several other of the exclusive organizations through the State are working hard against you."

"Nevertheless, they are doing us fine service. The disaffection of those rings and organizations, which are held together simply by the love of plunder, is working to our advantage. All those points are well understood by the people, and you will see after the election that we are right in our expectations."

Governor Bobinson is very much pleased with the manner in which he was received in New York. The crowd on Fifth avenue was so dense while he was driving up to meet the staff at Sixty-ninth street, on Wednesday, that it was feared at one moment the horses would be taken from his carriage. It was only with the greatest difficulty the mounted police

THE TRIANGULAR DUEL

POLITICIANS ARRANGING FOR THE NOVEMBER FIGHT BETWEEN CORNELL, ROBINSON AND KELLY-ACTIVITY ON EVERY HAND.

The local political situation vesterday was one of The local political situation yes; ereay was one of interest. The near approach of the county conven-tions of the three organizations has lent a degree of excitement to this part of the canvass which has hitherto been overshadowed in the more important struggle for the gubernatorial prize. The attention to the matter, and when Mr. Kelly returns, on Tuesday next, the political caldron, so far as local affairs are concerned, will be at boiling point. By many of the opponents of Tammany it is prenation by that organization for the more important county offices, the disappointed ones will carry with them a large number of followers to swell the ranks of the opposition. This impression is generally within as well as without the Tammany organization

and is now a source of funch concern to Mr. Kelly's friends.

The three State committees were vigorously at work yesterday. The rooms of the Democratic State Committee at the St. James Hotel were thronged. Among the visitors were Governor Robinson (who was enthusiastically received) and his son and private secretary; Senator James F. Starbuck, of Jefferson; Attorney General Schootmaker, Secretary of State Beach; Horatio Seymour, Jr.; Charles Stebbins, former private secretary of Governor Tilden: Charles Davis, warden of Sing Sing Prison; Daniel Manning, of Albany; Jeremiah W. Finck, of Warren; Simon W. Rosendale, of Albany; John E. Develin and John Bigelow. An immense amount of correspondence from the interior was received and attended to.

At the Kelly headquarters it was reported that new Kelly clubs have been organized at Newburg, Elmirs and Yonkers. The club at Elmira is called "The Mason and Grate Setters" Club." A Polish club of 330 members has also been organized at No. 197 Forsyth street. Lists of names of supporters were reported to have been received from Avon, Mount Morris and Amburg, in Clinton county.

The Republican State Committee worked vigorously and quietly. Mr. Johnson, the secretary, said that gratifying reports were coming in from all quarters of the State. Mr. Cornell was in jolly spirits and received his callers much as though he had a certificate of his election in his pocket.

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the New York Municipal Association was held last evening, at No. 263 Bowery, with Mr. Gosheit in the chair. The Committee on Organization reported that an organization had been effected in the First, Second, Third, Eighth, Tenth, Ninein the First, Second, Third, Eighth, Tenth, Nine-teenth, Twenty-first and Twenty-second wards. The chairman then delivered an address in which he said Governor Robinson had effected a saving of millions of deliars for the people. He denounced John Kelly as a traitor and said that a brand would be put upon him which he would carry to his grave. Mr. Lederer followed in a speech in German to the same effect, after which the meeting adjourned.

WORKINGMEN'S NOMINATIONS.

The Workingmen's Central Union, which has already hold three meetings for the purpose of nom-inating a State and county ticket, concluded their inating a State and county ticket, concluded their labors in this regard last evening with the following result:—For Governor—John Kelly. For Lieutenant Governor—John Wieting, of Syracuse. For Secretary of State—Peter McCann, of Queens county. For Comptroller—John A. Shannon, of Albany. For State Treasurer—Julien Winne, of Saratoga. For Attorney General—James Wright, of Elmira. For State Engineer—Garrett Nagle. For Sheriff—George W. Sauer. For County Clerk—Thomas J. Creamer. For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas—Richard O'Gorman. For Marine Court Judges—Henry Alker and Joseph Koch. For Coroners—J. McCarthy

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

The republicans of the Eighth Senatorial district held a convention in the Bleecker Building last night and nominated Robert H. Strahan. The Seventh District Republican Senatorial Con-vention met at Concordia Hall, No. 28 avenue A, and

ention met at Concordis Hall, No. 28 avenue A, and ominated Ferdinand Eldman. The First Senatorial District Republican Conven-ion, composed of Queens and Suffolk counties, met

BROOKLYN PRIMARIES.

REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS SELECTING DELE-GATES TO THE LOCAL CONVENTIONS. There was great excitement among the ward poli-

ticians, democratic and republican, of Brooklyn, last evening, consequent upon the holding of the prima-ries for the election of delegates to the City, County, Senatorial and Assembly Conventions. The places designated for holding the primaries were opened and two policemen were assigned to duty at each among the republicans. The rival factions of the latter party are led by City Works Commissioner among the republicans. The rival factions of the latter party are led by City Works Commissioner Jacob Worth, Police Commissioner Lorin Palmer on the one side, and by President James Jourdan, of the Board of Police; ex-Mayor Frederick A. Schroeder, and ex-Sheriff Albert Daggett on the other. The struggle appears to be concentrated in the efforts of the respective factions to secure the nomination of the candidate for State Senator in the Third Senatorial district. The Jourdan faction favors the nomination of ex-Mayor Schroeder as a candidate who could command the full German vote, irrespective of his party support, while Commissioner Worth carries the standard of ex-Assemblyman William W. Goodrich. It would be difficult to judge from the information obtained from the primary battle field at a late hour last night upon whose shoulders the mantle of victory has fallen, both sides having made a determined stand at the polis. The vote in the Twentieth ward, where both Schroeder and Goodrich reside, was very large. In the Fourth Senatorial district the republicans chose a Sam Maddox delegation. The republicans will probably nominate Franklin Woodruff for Mayor, though Colonel James McLeer, commandant of the Fourteenth, is also strongly urged by his friends. Ex-Mayor Samuel Booth is likewise booming up as an eligible candidate. The friends of William H. Lyon, Twenty-fourth ward, also urge his claims for the latter office.

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THE DEMOCRATIC STRUGGLE.

The regular democratic primaries were supposed to have nominated a delegation that will be likely to vote for the renomination of James Howell for Mayor. Alderman Robert Black, of the Fourth ward, has, however, a following of his mean proportions, and his claims for the Mayoraity will be urged before the Convention. His strong opposition to rapid transit won for him a host of atherents among property owners along the route proposed for the "L" road. In the Second Segatorial district a John C. Jacobs delegation was chosen by a large majority. Last night was the first time in many years that both parties held their primaries togother.

The Democratic City and County Conventions will be held on Saturday afternoon and the Republican Senatorial and Assembly District Conventions will also be held on that day. The contest over ward officers, supervisors and aldermen was warmly waged in the republican wards between the rival factions.

ount of the vote for Alderman in the Se ward of Newark was begun last night, and it was wart of recent was eagen last night, and it was found that the democratic candidate, Mr. Daniel Whellock, was entitled to one more vote than pre-viously allowed him in the First district. This will probably give him the seat. The count will be con-cluded to-night.

MASSACHUSETTS POLITICS.

CHANCES OF THE VARIOUS CANDIDATES FOR THE GOVERNORSHIP-LONG THE PROBABLE

VICTOR-VIEWS OF EX-GOVERNOR RICE. Ex-Governor Alexander H. Rice, of Massachusetts was found at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last evening He declined to give his views on the political can paign in any other capacity than as a disinterested citizen. The following is substantially what he

"The campaign in Massachusetts this year is very peculiar one, as there are four candidates in the field for Gubernatorial honors. Mr. Long is the candidate of the republican party, John Quincy Adams represents the conservative mocracy, Dr. Eddy is the candidate ter the campaign with General Butier at their head.
The prohibitionists have always been an indepen dent faction, whose vote hardly influenced election

ter the campaign with General Butler at their head. The prohibitionists have always been an independent faction, whose vote hardly influenced elections at all. This year I think their vote will be less than ever, as they have nothing to stand upon but a temperance platform, which, although good in itself, is not sufficiently interwoven with public affairs to make an issue upon. Mr. John Quincy Adams is not the candidate he is generally supposed to be. The conservative democracy, at no time very strong, will this year, under the lendership of a republican, voto largely for Mr. Long. This narrows the actual contest down to deneral Butler and Mr. Long, the democratic and republican candidates. General Butler is a strong candidate for a democrat. His campaign affairs are well organized. This is mainly due to the fact that he is surrounded by a number of able men, who are especially qualified to organize and vigorously prosecute his campaign. But his following is more a personal following. He is possessed of many individual attractions which attach to him the men with whom he comes in contact. But it is rather because of his brilliant social and personal qualities that he is popular than because of anything in his past career will not be employed, in my opinion, to any extent this year. It would tall to the ground far more quickly than when it was new."

PERMOCRATIC MISTAKES.

"These are the various elements of success," said Governor Rice, "in the democratic sampaign. But they have made a vital mistake in the policy upon which they propose to conduct their campaign. But they have made a vital mistake in the policy upon which they propose to conduct their campaign. But they have made a vital mistake in the policy upon which they propose to find minimal structure of good times generally. I believe that the present campaign heads amount only to about thirty cents on \$1,000. Every question of State economy has been settled by the revival of trade and return of good times generally. I believe that the present campaign w

INDEPENDENCE IN POLITICS. PRESIDENT SEELYE, OF AMHERST, DEFINES THE VOTER'S RIGHT AND THE OFFICE-HOLDER'S

DUTY-PRINCIPLE BEFORE PARTY. The following letter from President J. H. Seelye, of Amherst College, has been received by a graduate

of Amherst College, has been received by a graduate of that institution, who is a member of the independent Republican Committee:

ANKERT, Mass., Oct. 13, 1870.

MY DRAK PHEND—I have received your letter in which you ask my independ about the very of the independent limited by the political in the continuous such a length of the political issues which is involves, I should different to the political issues which is involves. It take it your query relates to general principles, and to those only will briefly refer, without attempting to given as I do not suppose you expect me to give—particular advice respecting individual candidates.

It ought to be before us all the while that political office is not a dignity to be enjoyed, but a sacred trust to be administered. It is not to be given to any man because he deserves it as a reward for service rendered his party or his country. No man can ever deserve an office, for the moment we speak of desert here we are treating the office as though it were a boon to the person filling it rather than a blessing to the becopie for whom it should be filled. Hence we should discard from our considerations all questions of claims to office. No man has, no man ean aven have any such claims. The office may claim him, but he never it. Hence when a man puts forth any such claims.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Barclay Thomas was renominated for the Assembly by the republicans of Warren county yesterday. Madison Square Garden has been leased by the Committee of Fifteen for a Robinson ratification meeting on the night of the 28th inst.

The prohibitionists of the Fifteenth district (Dutchess, Columbia and Putnam counties) have nominated Peter S. Denny for Senator.

The prohibitionists of Dutchess county have nominated Richard Tomkins for the Assembly in the First district and Thomas E. Hester in the Sec-The republicans of the First ward in Brooklyn

isst night nominated Theodore D. Dimon for Alder-man, and renominated John B. Ormsby for Super-

are opposed to the election of Mr. A. B. Cornell will meet at the St. Denis Hotel to-night to form a county The republicans of the First Assembly district of

Westchester county yesterday nominated D. O. Bradley. The democrats of the same district nominated Colonel W. F. Moller. on Wednesday nominated Worthington S. Farley, of Minden, for Assembly: Martin Allen, of Amsterdam,

County Clerk. The Montgomery County Republican Convention yesterday renominated John Warner, of Amsterdam, for Assembly; William J. Scharff, of Canajoharie, for Sheriff, and James Walroth, of Minden, for

The Public Hack Owners' Association has issued s circular protesting against the re-election of Gov ernor Robinson because of his refusal to sign the bill passed by the last Legislature reducing hack-

The sub-committee of the Committee of Fiftee met at the St. James Hotel yesterday afternoon and perfected the work of the organization of the new Robinson party for the city of New York. To-night they will submit a report of their stewardship to the

The Orange county democrats at Goshen vesterds made the following nominations:-For Sheriff, J. Emmet Wickham; for County Clerk, John A. Wallace; tor Justice of the Court of Sessions, Oscar Rosencrans; for Coroners, James Hamilton and Henry Mapes. All are renominations except the candidate for Sheriff.

The democrats of Suffolk county yesterday nominated.

nated William Wickham for Judge, Thomas S. Mount for Surrogate, Hallock F. Luce for County Clerk, Theodore Field for Sheriff, Elwood Abrams for Superintendent of the Poor and Henry G. Scudder for the Assembly. A resolution indorsing Gov ernor Robinson's administration was passed.

The United Labor League of Kings county have nominated Philip J. O'Hanlon for State Se Fourth district, and Frederick F. Schroeder in Third district. The name of James Rvan, of Flat-

assembled in Terrace Garden last evening for the purpose of ratifying the regular democratic nominations made at Syracuse. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Nineteenth Ward Robin-son Campaign Club. Ex-Coroner Herrman occupied the chair. Resolutions indorsing the administration of Governor Robinson and his renomination were adopted and speeches made by ex-Assembly men Wachner, Lawson N. Fuller, Rufus W. Peckhan and others.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

LARGE INCREASE IN THE ATTENDANCE-THE FORCE OF TEACHERS EMPLOYED.

Under the laws of the State and rules of the Board of Education principals of all the city schools are com-pelled to certify under oath, in October and Decempelled to certify under oath, in October and December of each year, to the average attendance for the preceding year in their respective schools. The October returns when consolidated are taken as a basis on which the city receives its provate amount of the school moneys from the State, while upon the December returns the assignments of the teachers to the several schools are made. It will be seen ers to the several schools are made. It will be seen from the following reports just made that there has been an increase in the attendance this year over that of last year of 792 pupils. The increase is specially noticed in the Primary and Training departments and the Nautical school.

The following is a comparative statement of the attendance:—

Year ending

	October 1.	October 1,
A STATE OF THE REAL PROPERTY.	1878.	1879.
Male departments		22,807
Female departments		19,648
Primary departments	. 45,855	46,326
Primary schools		20,905
Colored schools	. 848	713
Evening schools	. 7,655	7,162
Evening high school	. 1,115	1,060
Normal college	. 1,373	1,268
Training department	. 622	791
Saturday sessions	. 591	564
Nautical school	. 90	114
Total	.120 157	121,358
Corporate schools	. 9,816	9,407
Total increase	ow the tot	al number
No. of male principals, grammi	en anhante	58
No. of female principals, gram	mar schools.	8 46
No. of temale principals, prime	ner senous	40
ments	ery and de	111
No. of male vice principals, gra	mmar sol	ools. 39
No. of female vice principals, gr	ammar ach	ools. 42
No. of female vice principals,	primary av	of do-
partments	primary at	84
No. of male assistants in gram	mar school	H 109
No. of female assistants in	male gran	umar 100

schools..... No. of female assistants in female grammar

No. of female assistants in primary and depart-

PASTORAL INSTALLATION.

The installation of the Rev. Henry Cross as pastor The installation of the Rev. Henry Cross as person of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, took place last ovening at the church, Thirty-third street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues. The opening exercises consisted of music and singing, prayer and reading of Scripture. The sermon was preached by Rev. B. Jeffrey and the installation prayer was offered by Rev. A. D. Gillette. The charge to the Church was delivered by Sev. Dr. Armitage.

EIGHT WALKERS LEFT.

THREE MORE MEN RETIRE FROM THE MADISON SQUARE GARDEN TRACK-THE SCORE AT MID-

hour race was further diminished yesterday by the retirement of Woods, with a score of 183 miles; Prouss, with a score of 178 miles, and Hilton, with a score of 202 miles. The interest in the walk, owing to the retirement of so many men, has not been maintained at that pitch which former managerial successes seemed to warrant the lesses in expecting. The want of style in the men who remain contributes much to the dulness of affairs at the Garden, and but for the strong counteracting influence of the presence of Dan O'Leavy and Hart during the afternoon and evening the show would be dulness itself. During the afternoon and evening, however, when Dan and his black protege appear, the Garden takes on its old appearance, and the presence of great crowds of ladies adds an interest which compensates for the dulness of the intermediate hours. That Dan and his Ethiopian imitator have not declined in public favor is shown by the increased attendance since the announcements of their appearances were made. Between three and four o'clock in the afternoon, when the pair appear, the Garden is full of ladies and children, and again from eight until ten the boxes are full.

Little Vint, the Kings county shoomaker, in whom such great stock was taken by amateurs, has suddenly weakened and fallen back from second place to fourth. During the evening, when Hart and O'Leary were on the track, Highes, "the lepper," put on a grand spurt of speed; but it was not sufficient to take him out of his position as sixth man on the list, "Old Sport" (Campana), who, during the evening, and is now a favorite with the bookmakers.

Scote at MIDNIGHT. at the Garden, and but for the strong counteract-

		MIDNIGHT.	
itzgerald	265	Waters	235
ampana	259	Hughes	232
olston	256	Dufrane	223
int	254	Barbour	227

FINE ARTS.

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARTISTS.

At a meeting of the Society of American Artists held last evening, with a quite full attendance conbusiness was transacted. The date of opening of business was transacted. The date of opening we the third annual exhibition was not fixed. The question of the resignation of Mr. Shirlaw, the ex-president of the society, as an associate of the National Academy of Design, did not come up. In fact, most of the members are well satisfied with his action.

Mr. James L. Claghorn, of Philadelphia, will, at the request of the chairman of the Art Committee of the Seventh regiment fair, loan it a large selection from his magnificent collection of etchings and en-

from his magnificent collection of eachings and engravings, to be hung in the art gallery. They will prove an exceedingly interesting and valuable feature.

Mr. Fairman Rogers, of Philadelphis, has purchased for presentation to the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts four of the Tanagra statuettes, which formed part of the collection lately described in these columns as on exhibition at Fouardent & Co.'s, through which firm they were sold. As this collection was announced as not for sale, and as the customs authorities have interpreted the law in an exceedingly curious manner, so as to prevent the introduction in the country of any classical antiquities without the payment of an excise duty of some forty per cent it imported for sale, the figurines were delivered from Canada to James L. Claghorn, president of the Pennsylvania Academy of Pine Arts. One of the four is the small female figurine which we described first in our article and considered the most artistic member-of the collection.

tion.
Samuel Coleman and Louis C. Tiffany, the well known artists, will have charge of the arrangement of the art loan exhibition at the Seventh regiment

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC NOTES.

Bronson Howard's new comedy of "Wives" will be brought out at Daly's Theatre to-morrow night. The piece is said to be one of the best he has yet

J. K. Emmet, who is now playing a succ gagement in Cincinnati, will succeed Sothern at the Park Theatre. He will open in "Fritz in

The Church Choir Company have been quite fortunate in the Eastern circuit with "Pinafore." The acting of the company has improved since it left the city and took to the road.

Mme. Gerster, it appears, is unable to leave Italy at present and may not reach New York until the opening of the 1880 season. Mme. Gerster is in a delicate condition. To fill her place Mr. Mapleson thorough artist. She has a brilliant reputation and is an excellent substitute for the Hungarian pris

DION BOUCICAULT'S ILLNESS.

It h ring been reported yesterday morning that Mr. Dion Boucicault was dangerously ill, a HERALD reporter called at his residence in Fifteenth street in the afternoon to inquire if the story was true. not dangerously or even seriously. Dr. Mott had been to see him on Wednesday and again yesterday and had declared on the latter day that all he needed was rest and quiet. In pursuance of these instruc-tions no callers were announced to him, although he was well enough to sit up. The illness, the secre-tary said, was prostration from overwork.

A BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT. The family of the late James Murphy, vice principal of Grammar School No. 18, will benefit by a literary and musical entertainment at the Lexington Avenue Opera House, in East Fifty-eighth street, this evening.

KILLED BY A ROCKET.

Mrs. Mary Jennings, fifty years of age, while sitting at one of the windows of her residence, No. 303 Hudson avenue, Brooklyn, last evening, was atruck under the eye and instantly killed by a struck under the eye and instantly killed by a rocket. At the time of the accident a chowder party was passing down High street and another was on its way through Hudson avenue. When the two met at the corner of Hudson avenue and High street there were a number of rockets fired off. Mrs. Jennings was watching the pyrotechnic display, when suddenly the rocket crashed through the blinds of the window. The sharp end of the stick struck her just below the right eye and inflicted a terrible wound. A physician was immediately summoned. Mrs. Jennings, however, expired within a few moments after his arrival. He made an examination of her injury and found that the stick had crushed through the cheek bene and broken the jaw. A portion of the stick, which broke, still protruded from the wound. Deceased leaves a husband and several children.

The police learned that Thomas Keenan was the man who fired the rocked, but he was not arrested, as a permit had been granted the chowder party for the display of freworks.

VETERANS OF 1812.

FORMAL DISSOLUTION OF THE VETERANS' ASSO-CIATION IN BOSTON. Bosron, Oct. 16, 1879.

Horrow, Oct. 16, 1879.

It was a sad and sorrowful meeting that which was held to-day in the Morchants Exchange building for the purpose of dissolving the association known as the Veterans of the War of 1812. Charles Hudson, of Lexington, presided. There were seventeen aged warriors present, and the most intense interest in the proceedings was manifested. In opening the meeting Mr. Hudson congratulated his comrades on the large attendance and the good health of the members. He said that all probably saw, as he did, the wisdom of carrying out the suggestion media. the last meeting to dissolve the organization. The members, as was to be expected, were fast passing away, one having died last Sunday. He himself had members, as was to be expected, were fast passing away, one having died last Sunday. He himself had not been out of his house for two weeks until to-day. There was no property, and the question to be decided was, "What should be done with the records?" He suggested depositing them in safe keeking in some public institution. At Lexington, he said, they are gathering many historical records and mementoes, and lately have added the pistols which Major Pitcairn discharged at Lexington, and which were actually the first guns fired in the Revolution. These weapons have come down through the family of General Putnam, whose descendants have preserved them. On motion made by Mr. Alvah Raymond, of East Weymouth, and seconded by William A. Parker, of Boston, the records were unanimously ordered to be placed in the care of President Hudaon, who is to deposit them, with other public records, in the town of Lexington. The records of the previous meeting, held one year ago in the rooms of the Mochanics' Charitable Association, were read. An address prepared by Charles Hudson for the occasion was then read by Elmore A. Pierce, whose voluntary services, in view of the venerable age of the members and their difficulty in hearing one of their own number, were accepted.